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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT MAY 1, 1948.

(These data are subject to revision).

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A preliminary tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of employment of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the eight major industrial divisions<sup>1/</sup> shows a further decline in employment at May 1, the general recession being the fifth in succession. The index number of employment, based on 1926 as 100, stood at 185.8, as compared with 186.6 at Apr. 1, 1948, and 179.6 at May 1, 1947, previously the maximum for that date in the record of 28 years. Marked seasonal curtailment in logging operations in the Eastern and Central provinces was an important factor in the generally lower level of employment indicated at the beginning of May.

Although there was a fractional reduction from Apr. 1 in the advance index number of employment, the index of payrolls showed an increase of 1.4 p.c.; the gain was largely due to the resumption of operations on a more usual scale following the Easter holidays which had affected the situation at Apr. 1. The per capita weekly earnings of employees reported in the eight leading industries stood at \$39.74 at May 1, as compared with \$39.04 at Apr. 1 and \$35.89 at May 1, 1947. The most recent average is the highest in the record.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing, at 201.7, was slightly below that of 202.0 at Apr. 1, 1948, but was several points above the May 1, 1947, figure of 195.8. The index of payrolls showed a rise of 2.8 p.c. in the month, and was 15.9 p.c. higher than at May 1 of last year. The preliminary figure of per capita weekly earnings in manufacturing at May 1 was \$40.75, the highest in the period for which statistics are available. The Apr. 1 average of \$39.60 had been affected by the observance of the Easter holidays. At May 1, 1947, the reported earnings of persons employed in leading manufacturing establishments had averaged \$36.27.

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<sup>1/</sup>The above data are based on the advance tabulation of statistics received from establishments usually employing 15 persons and over in the following major industrial divisions: manufacturing, logging, mining, communications, transportation, construction and maintenance, trade and certain service groups, mainly hotels, restaurants and laundries and dry-cleaning plants. The figures are subject to change, as a result of the arrival of revised or delayed returns during the period of tabulation. The monthly bulletin giving in some detail the latest statistics of employment, payrolls and average earnings will be issued some days hence.

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The trend of employment from Apr. 1, 1948, was downward in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The falling-off in Quebec, which was considerable, was largely due to seasonal losses in logging camps. General improvement was noted in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia. In all provinces except Saskatchewan, the advance index numbers of employment at May 1 were higher than those recorded at the same date of last year; there was practically no general change in the 12 months in Saskatchewan.

Advance Indexes<sup>1/</sup> of Employment at May 1, with Comparisons as at  
Apr. 1, 1948, and May 1, 1947.  
(1926=100)

| <u>Area</u>                       | <u>May 1, 1948</u> | <u>Apr. 1, 1948</u> | <u>May 1, 1947</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Prince Edward Island              | 143.0              | 163.7               | 128.0              |
| Nova Scotia                       | 171.1              | 170.7               | 141.9              |
| New Brunswick                     | 166.9              | 160.3               | 165.7              |
| Quebec                            | 183.6              | 187.3               | 182.2              |
| Ontario                           | 197.1              | 197.7               | 189.4              |
| Manitoba                          | 152.2              | 151.1               | 148.9              |
| Saskatchewan                      | 147.3              | 148.8               | 147.2              |
| Alberta                           | 178.8              | 179.8               | 171.5              |
| British Columbia                  | 195.2              | 190.8               | 186.2              |
| Canada - Eight Leading Industries | 185.8              | 186.6               | 179.6              |
| Canada - Manufacturing            | 201.7              | 202.0               | 195.8              |

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